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Ex parte JOHANNES B.A. VAN DER HOOFDEN  
and  
JOZEF W.J. MAES

Appeal No. 2000-0706  
Application No. 08/675,665

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on July 3, 1996 (Paper No. 5). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.


Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the examiner for consideration of the IDS filed July 3, 1996 (Paper No. 5), notification to appellants in writing of consideration and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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